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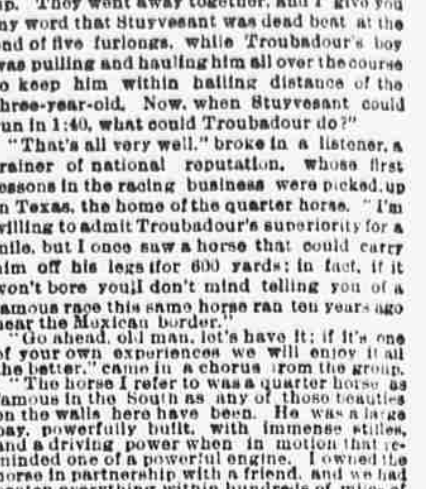
REMINISCENCE OF THE OLD DAYS OF QUARTER-HORSE RACING.

An Entertaining and True Story of a Great Race Run Ten Years Ago Near the Mexican Border—Could This Horse Run Away from Our Crack Thoroughbreds.

A number of racing men were seated in the barroom of the St. James Hotel a few evenings since admiring the many handsome pictures of equine celebrities that hang upon the walls, and discussing the merits of various horses for the big spring handicaps.

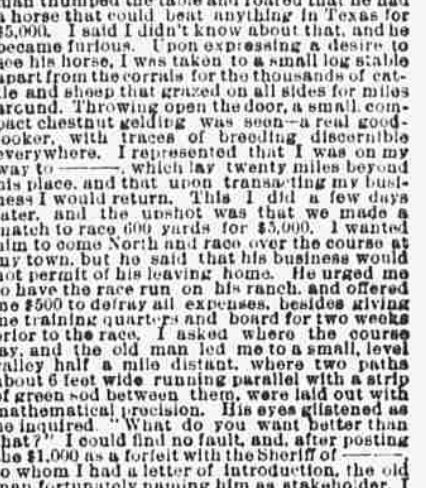
"There, gentlemen, whose glass was poised in mid-air, pointed to a very life-like picture of Troubadour, with Fitzpatrick up, saying:

"There, gentlemen, is the portrait of the fastest horse we have ever had in this country. I could run him in 1:35 just as easily as Kingston can cover the same distance in 1:41, and if he had stood training I believe the mile record would be at the figure I have mentioned. You all remember Stuyvesant's great win in 1:40 at Sheephead Bay. Yes; well; let me tell you something. Boxers worked Stuyvesant for that race in company with Troubadour at the Gravesend track three days before



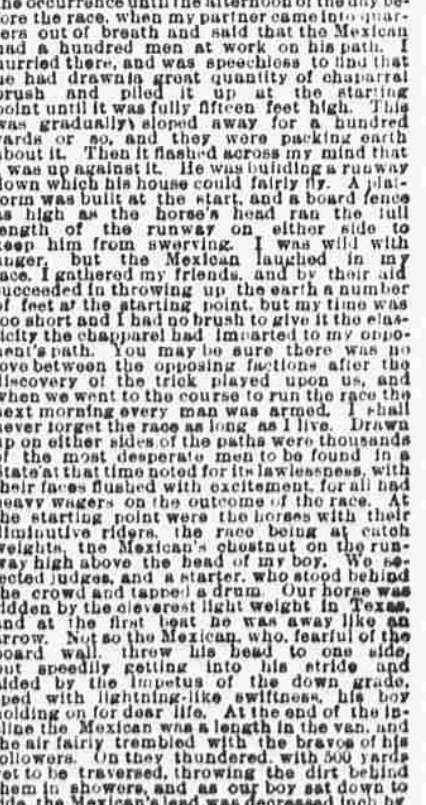
...Go ahead, old man, let's have it; if it's one

an old Mexican, who was as rich as Cresus, and lived about fifty miles from the Mexican border. He had a fine house and a large estate, and everything in that vicinity, the officers of the port near the old man's ranch being hopeless of finding anything to do. He was very kind and helpful thoroughbred against the old man's lie. Repeated victories had made the old man very bold, and he was very much of a horse that ever stood on iron, and he was continually issuing challenges to all comers to a fight. I was very much interested in the matter, and I determined to set out for the Mexican's place, and put up about \$1,000 in the fight, and to get a good stout pony and set off southward. After riding 250 miles in leisurely fashion, I so happened to come to the Mexican's place in the evening, in order that I could pass the night there, there being no other habitation in the vicinity. I was very much surprised to find I could be sheltered for the night. A boy took my pony, and a few minutes later I was shown to a room, and I was very much surprised to find it rather grand, but invited me to join him at a supper table. I knew his weak point, but



with money to back our horse. We travelled very slowly, taking care to give our flies plenty

He slowly and carefully carved out four portions of meat, and then he laid out the bones and quarters prepared for us, and what was more, provided for our friends, inasmuch as he had a large number of them. He told me that everybody was at liberty to carve what meat was required for his own use. Fitting tokens of our appreciation were given to him, and he was released. News of the big race had spread far and near, and it was no exaggeration to state that the whole country was on its feet to witness the persons present. Faro hawks were coming on the open prairie, and every species of rambling and roving horseman was to be seen. There was abundance of meat from his own enormous herds. Our horse was in good condition and we were confident of victory, but for the future we were to be on our guard, for we were now from across the border, but us to a standstill. "Two days before the race the Mexican took me to the place where the race was to be run, and with my horse should run on. I said it was immaterial, but, upon his insisting, selected



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rested up, then twice at the throatlatch and then a third time at the side of the neck. And so we go! And to make our fellow riders feel our powers of description will not permit us to stop here, I will tell you that the Mexican swore, stormed and threatened everything notified the stakeholder not to give him a drink, and then he rode off, still angry and fearing trouble, on the side being greatly in the minority. I thought it was a pity that the old fellow had cooled down considerably. I was sure that he would have been able to have received the stolen money. I had even set him the ponies we rode against some in him. I was sure that he would have been able to bring him the most chagrined man in Texas. Our friends, however, were not so sure. They thought we took our way home ward. Somehow, whether the flowers were brighter and the grass greener, or whether the ponies were better, I do not know. What became of the horse? Inquired out of the group.

Well, several other races with him in different parts of the country, but he was killed. He was killed in a race with a horse from California to run a crack they had had out there snail's pace. He was the fastest horse I ever saw. He was killed in a race with a horse from California to run a crack they had had out there snail's pace. He was the fastest horse I ever saw. He was killed in a race with a horse from California to run a crack they had had out there snail's pace. He was the fastest horse I ever saw.